



24 APRIL 2016

**FIFTH
SUNDAY
OF EASTER**



**ST JOSEPH'S &
ST EDMUND'S
CITY CENTRE
CATHOLIC PARISH
SOUTHAMPTON**

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF
PORTSMOUTH REG. CHARITY NO. 246871

SOUTHAMPTON CENTRAL, WEST &
EAST DEANERY ALSO INCLUDES:

- ST. BONIFACE, SHIRLEY
- HOLY FAMILY, MILLBROOK
- ST. VINCENT DE PAUL, LORDSWOOD
- IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, PORTSWOOD
- CHRIST THE KING & ST. COLMAN'S, BITTERNE
- OUR LADY OF ASSUMPTION, HEDGE END
- ST BRIGID, WEST END
- ST. PATRICK'S, WOOLSTON
- THE ANNUNCIATION, NETLEY ABBEY



HOW CAN SOMETHING SO ALLURING BE, AT TIMES, SO ELUSIVE?

Once Judas had left the room, as our Gospel tells us today, Jesus defined His disciples, not by how many prayers we recite or the religious observances we uphold, but in a short, succinct word: love. Not the love of self, not the love of money, not the love of position nor the love of power, but love for one another. So seemingly easy, so seemingly attractive, and yet at times, for me at least, so demanding.



Throughout the world, the Church has established Holy Doors in this Year of Mercy. So if we hear knocking on the door, may the Year of Mercy teach us to open the door, not to scream at or rebuke those outside, but in love invite them in. With eyes of love, we must see their journey as our own. Only by our love will the world know us to be Jesus' disciples. With anything less than love, we defame our faith, mock the healing, mock the hope and mercy of love. Each day may we hear the Lord's exhortation to love instead of judge, to love instead of fear, to love instead of to be tainted by anger.

Do our mouths, attitudes and actions let the world know God is dwelling with the human race; a God who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness? The Lord who is good and compassionate to all, asks us to love as He loves us, so all will know we are His disciples. Do our lives embody these characteristics? Will the building of bridges or the building of walls predominate our tasks?

Love stifles hostility. Love seeks consensus. Love exculpates fear. Love affirms the Lord's Easter greeting, "Peace be with you".

Andy Philpott

TO PONDER:

1. How do you 'encourage' others in the development of their faith (1st reading)? How do you support them?
2. '..... God will make his home among them' (2nd reading) 'his name will be God-with-them'. How do you allow God to be with you? When do you feel close to God?
3. Jesus gives us a new commandment 'love one another' (gospel). How do you live that out in the family, in the parish, with your colleagues?

Vincent Harvey

TODAY SUNDAY 24 APRIL 2016

URGENT COLLECTION TODAY—APOSTOLIC INITIATIVE FOR THE UKRAINE:

Pope Francis launched a humanitarian initiative in favour of the people of the Ukraine, in the form of a **Special Collection** to be taken in all of the Catholic Churches in Europe today. Thank you for your generosity.

BAPTISMS: We welcome to our faith community:



Rosie Halliday, daughter of Paul and Goretti, who is being baptised at 1:00pm today in St Edmund's Church.

Jay Page-Odeke, son of Zinzi will be baptised at 3:00pm in St Joseph's Church.

RECENTLY DIED:



Bridget Patricia Cummings RIP late of Ordnance Road, Southampton. Reception of the Coffin into St Edmund's Church 4:30pm Monday 25 April; Requiem Mass 11am Tuesday 26 April followed by burial at Hollybrook Cemetery.

Honoria Patricia Sullivan RIP late of French Street, Southampton. Reception of the Coffin into St Joseph's 5pm Wednesday 4 May; Requiem Mass 12:15pm Thursday 5 May followed by burial at Hollybrook Cemetery. *May they rest in peace. Please keep their families in your prayers.*

THIS WEEK

FOR INFO:

- Sun Mass Basingstoke: TC
- Mon Day off: TC/VH
- Tues Hospital on Call: VH. Funeral: VH. Springhill Chaplaincy: VH/TC Pre-Marriage course: VH
- Wed Safeguarding Day: VH/TC
- Thurs Lourdes Planning in London: VH
- Fri University Chaplaincy: VH
- Sat Charity Interfaith Bazaar: VH
- Sun 50th Celebration Mass Holy Family: VH Mass Andover: TC

PLEASE NOTE: THE 10AM TUESDAY MASS THIS WEEK IS CANCELLED (26 April) due to the late Pat Cumming's Requiem Mass taking place at 11am in St Edmund's.

WELLSPRING PRAYER GROUP meet 2pm—3pm on Tuesdays in St Edmund's Hall.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE final session 7:30pm Tuesday 26 April in St Edmund's Hall. *Fully booked.*

WEDNESDAY LUNCH CLUB meet Wednesdays at 12 noon in St Edmund's Hall. Please contact Anne Monaghan on 023 8033 3589 if you would like to join.

LITURGICAL TRAINING Wednesday 27 April in St Edmund's by Father Alan Griffiths.

FINANCE MEETING 7.30pm Thursday 28 April in St Edmund's Presbytery.

PILATES takes place in St Edmund's Hall 10am Fridays. Contact Hilary Mob. No. 07786 617 302 to join.



ALPHA COURSE continues 7:00pm – 9:30pm **Thursday 28 April at St George Catholic College, Swaythling.** Explore the meaning of life. Listen, Learn, Discuss, Discover, Ask. An interesting talk, a hot meal provided free of charge. To book email southamptoncitycentre@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or Tel. 023 8033 3589. **This week's session focuses on How Can We Have Faith?**

MASS AND ROSARY FOR PEACE on the last Friday of the month during the Year of Mercy continues on 29 April at 7pm. *This intention is for peace and unity in the Church.*

NEXT WEEKEND

TABLE TOP SALE AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION 2pm—4:30pm Saturday 30 April in the Church Hall, 346 Portswood Road, entrance 50p. Book a table for £5 and sell your unwanted goods. All proceeds to go to Stella Louise Hotel, Southern India, Parish Charity for this year. Info from Maria 07835 121 496.

MARIST FATHERS APPEAL at all Masses next weekend 30 April /1 May.

FATHER DES celebrating 9am and 11am Masses Sunday 1 May at St Edmund's.

HOLY FAMILY 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS take place on the 50th anniversary of the dedication of the church on Sunday 1 May. *Mass will be celebrated at 11am at Holy Family Church, Millbrook by Monsignor Vincent Harvey together with present and former parish priests followed by a buffet lunch and social. The organising committee have put together a history of the parish and church with photographs and we look forward to welcoming those who have had connections with and memories of the Parish over the last 50 years. All welcome to this very special occasion.*

ECUMENICAL FAMILY RAMBLE to Dutton Estate and Bluebell Wood 2pm Sunday 1 May. Meet at New Cheriton. See noticeboards.

CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM SERVICE 4pm Sunday 1 May in St Edmund's Church followed by refreshments in the Hall, for all those baptised in the parish over the past year. Invitation only.

NEXT WEEK

MASS IN POLISH: Feast of our Holy Mother—Queen of Poland 7pm Tuesday 3 May in St Edmund's Church.

CCPG 7:45pm Wednesday 4 May in St Edmund's Presbytery.

UNLOCKING THE MYSTERY OF THE BIBLE: A one day course from 9am—4:30pm Saturday 7 May in the Pastoral Centre next to St Peter's Church, Jewry Street, Winchester. Email parishstudies@gmail.com to book.

HEALING DAY with Little Way Healing Ministries: 10am—4.30pm Saturday 7 May at the Highfield House Hotel, Highfield Lane, SO17 1AQ. Fr. Laurence Brassill OSA, Mrs. Pauline Edwards and team offer a day of teaching and healing. Jesus said: 'Lay your hands on the sick and they will be healed'... **Come and see.**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION WORKSHOP 10:30am Saturday 7 May at St Anne's School for parents and children.

WELCOME TO FATHER DES celebrating 10am Mass at St Joseph's Sunday 8 May.

GENERAL ITEMS

IS GOD CALLING YOU TO THE PRIESTHOOD OR RELIGIOUS LIFE? Following Vocations Sunday last weekend, here is a link to some resources you may find useful www.tentenresources.co.uk/vocations.

SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: Are you celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or anniversary over 60 years? If so then you are invited to a Mass of celebration. This will take place at St Bede's church in Basingstoke on Saturday 9th July 2016. If you would like to come, please visit the diocesan [website](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) and complete the online form, or send an email to anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. To help celebrate the occasion please could you provide a COPY of your Wedding photograph, either by email to the above email address or by post and send to the following address: St Bede's Parish Office, Popley Way, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX. (Please mark the envelope, "Significant Anniversaries Mass").

ST GEORGE CATHOLIC COLLEGE, SOUTHAMPTON are looking for a head of English teacher, a teacher of Geography, a teacher of History and a Site Operations Manager. Please see website for more details: <http://www.stgcc.co.uk/>.

CALLED & GIFTED: Calling 'Intentional Disciples'. There are still a small number of places left for the next workshop being held on 13 and 14 May 2016. Times are from 7pm to 9pm on Friday & 9am to 4:30pm on Saturday at St. Theresa's Church Hall, Totton. If you haven't participated in one before you have missed a wonderful opportunity to explore the gifts that God has given you and to discern how you can serve Him more fully at home, in your workplace and in your church. The workshop is free and is led by a trained team of Diocesan teachers. Those who have participated in the past have found it life changing and empowering. To book your place, Tel: 023 8086 2270 or email totton@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

A quote from a modern Spiritual Writer:We each have our own little part of the beauty, our own gifts of the Spirit, as Paul puts. Paul says that the particular way "the Spirit is given to each person is for the common good" (1 Corinthians 12:7, Jerusalem Bible). Paul's word for this is a "charism" - a gift that is given to you not just for your own self, but to build up the community, to build up the society. As an individual, you don't have the full responsibility of putting it all together, as the false theology of perfectionism claims. **All you have to do is discover your one gift and use it for the good of all.**

JESUS CHRIST, MERCY OF THE FATHER: Who is Jesus? Join the Formation for Mission team for a study day from 9:30am—3pm Sat 14 May at St Mary's, 59 Normandy Street, Alton SP10 3AD dedicated to discovering the Person of Jesus, who is the Mercy of the Father. This study day is open to everyone. You will need a packed lunch. Register online www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/formation/#events or email ffm@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 015 9068 1874.

POETRY SHARE: Year of Mercy—Pilgrimage 7pm Thursday 19 May at St Joseph's Church, Bugle Street. All welcome. See noticeboards.

11AM WELCOME ROTAS & CLEANING TEAM ROTAS are now available in the Sacristy at St Edmund's Church.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2016—Join Father Vincent and others from the Parish in the Annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes: 19-26 August. Flying direct from Southampton to Lourdes! The Pilgrimage will be led by Bishop Philip. Brochures available online (Diocesan website), or by email from Father Vincent, or at the back of the churches.

VACANCIES: following vacancies available in the Diocese—Hampshire Downs Parish (Winchester, Alresford Stockbridge):

- Parish Finance and Administration Manager part-time 25 hours per week £25,000 pro rata closing date 9 May
 - Youth Ministry Development Worker and Advisor full-time (or part-time by negotiation) £22,000 closing date 23 May
- Details on the website www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/.

FOR THE DIARY FUTURE EVENTS:

1. **Pentecost Mass at St Joseph's (15 May) 10:30am and gather socially with St Michael's worshippers 11:30am**
2. **Corpus Christi Procession after 11am Mass Sunday 29 May make a note**
3. **Visit of image of 'Our Lady of Guadalupe': 12-17 August....make a note. For more information see website www.relicourladyofguadalupe.co.uk.**

CAR PARKING: A reminder that Park Centrale Estate is private and **no parking is allowed.**

THANK YOU LETTER RECEIVED FROM MONGU PROJECT for the donation of £655.85 received in July 2015. This is being used to support youth education and the preschool. See annual letter and progress on the noticeboards.

CHURCH CLEANING—VOLUNTEER REQUIRED to join existing team of St Edmund's church cleaners **once every 6 weeks for 1 to 2 hours**, times and dates to suit. Contact Parish Office if you can help.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME A SHIP VISITOR? What do seafarers arriving in Portsmouth, Southampton and Cowes need?

It could be the chance to go ashore, the means to contact their families back home, internet access and warm clothing; but **more than that** they need someone who will welcome them and offer friendship. Apostleship of the Sea (AoS) ship visitors go on board ships to support seafarers' pastoral and material needs. See video online <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=plZxedm1Qrc>. Interested? Contact Rev Roger Stone email rogerstone@apostleshipofthesea.org.uk or 07963 345 618.

MONGU: please continue to bring in your jam jars of cash for the Mission. Thank you to the Children in our 'Children's Liturgy' group for the £31.96 they brought in during Lent ... *Fantastic!*

CHARITIES AND OUTREACH GROUP CONFERENCE: Saturday 2 July, 10am-2pm at St Bede's Parish Hall, Popley Way, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX. Join us in celebration of this Extraordinary Jubilee Holy Year of Mercy as we hear from the many charitable organisations within the Catholic Church here in our diocese which strive to express the merciful love of Christ. Discover how together we are all called to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, visit the sick and imprisoned and bury the dead. Speakers will be drawn from The Medaille Trust, SVP, Apostleship of the Sea, Poitiers Care, Caritas Diocese of Portsmouth and CAFOD.

PLEASE PRAY FOR Colm O'Riordan (heart surgery), Valerie Summerton (op recovery), Simon Parry, Sue Tutton, Karen Nugent (op recovery), Celia Axton (op recovery), Hilary Parker, Tony McCall, Alex Boyle (op recovery), Janette Brookes, Bernie Murray, Joy Grant, Pat Feighery (op recovery), Joanne Cunio, Shane Wing (stroke recovery), Ludwig Basisty, Irene Green, Rachel de Melo (op recovery), Dame Sheila Quinn, John Redhead, Pat Friters (op recovery), JL, Malcolm Cross, Irene Cartledge, Teresa Adams (stroke recovery), Judy Brown, O'Hanlon family, John Morris, Paul Sassu, Moyra Clearkin, Peter Scott, Phyllis Grattan, HE, Virginia Monteiro, Patricia Penny, Joyce Mnguni, James Adie, Maria Annunziata, Jean Kaye, Vera Morris, Perry Cunio, Mike Mantle, Maria Farrao, NW, Bosco and Myra Andrade, Joe Sculley, Tegar Marriott, Josie Franklin, John O'Reilly, Bridget Busk, Tony O'Donnell, Pam Bennett, Pauldia Grant, Laura Pinson, Evelyn Nolan, parishioners who are ill, having surgery and on our prayer list.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 24 APRIL 2016

*(Key to City Centre Catholic Masses below are SJ = St Joseph's Church, Bugle Street, SO14 2AH and SE = St Edmund's Church, The Avenue, SO17 1XJ)

SAT	23 APRIL	VIGIL MASS	6:15PM	SJ	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
			7:00PM	SE	MASS IN POLISH
SUN	24 APRIL	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	9:00AM	SE	ROBERT & ROBERT'S FAMILY—CONVERSION (RK)
			10:00AM	SJ	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
			11:00AM	SE	LAURA & ANDREW 3RD WEDDING ANNIVERSARY & BABY AIDEN 2ND BIRTHDAY—THANKSGIVING AND GOD'S BLESSINGS (ANUSHKA)
			7:00PM	SE	FOR JON—WELLBEING AND CONVERSION (MM)
TUES	26 APRIL	OF THE 5th WEEK OF EASTER	<u>11:00AM</u>	<u>SE</u>	REQUIEM MASS: BRIDGET PATRICIA CUMMINGS RIP ANDREW & MARY McCONNELL RIP (JPM)
WED	27 APRIL	OF THE 5th WEEK OF EASTER	7:00PM	SE	FOR PHIL—WELLBEING & CONVERSION (MM)
THURS	28 APRIL	OF THE 5th WEEK OF EASTER	12:15PM	SJ	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
FRI	29 APRIL	ST CATHERINE OF SIENA	7:00PM	SE	MASS FOR PEACE
SAT	30 APRIL	ST PIUS V	11:00AM	SE	ANNE McGOVERN RIP (JPM)
			6:15PM	SJ	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
			7:00PM	SE	MASS IN POLISH
SUN	1 MAY	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	9:00AM	SE	THANKSGIVING FOR PRAYERS BEING ANSWERED (KN)
			10:00AM	SJ	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
			11:00AM	SE	PHILIPPE LASSOU INTENTIONS (MM)
			7:00PM	SE	FOR JON—WELLBEING AND CONVERSION (MM)

PARISHES MASS TIMES: *Holy Family, Millbrook* Sat Vigil 18:30; Sun 11:00am; 1:00pm (Polish); Holy Day 19:00. *St. Boniface, Shirley* Sat Vigil 18:30; Sun 08:30; 10:30; Holy Day 10:00; 20:00. *St. Vincent de Paul, Lordswood* Sun 09:15; Holy Day 10:00. *Christ the King & St Colman* Sun 11:00; Holy Day 19:00. *Immaculate Conception, Portswood* Recon: Sat 10:30 (After Mass); Sun 08:30; 10:30; Holy Day 10:00; 19:30. *Our Lady of the Assumption, Hedge End* Sat Vigil 17:30; *St Brigid, West End* Sun 17:30; *St Patrick, Woolston* Sat Vigil 18:00; Sun 11:00; Holy Day 09:15 (term time); 10:00 (outside of term time). *The Annunciation, Netley Abbey* Sun 09:00, Holy Day 19:00.

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Vocations to Priesthood: www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/vocation/

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 St George College 023 8032 2603

Prayer of the Church Week 1

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Psalm Response

I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: "I give you a new commandment: love one another, just as I have loved you."

Alleluia!

READINGS SUNDAY 1 MAY 2016 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR C

1st Reading: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29
 2nd Reading: Apocalypse 21:10-14, 22-23
 Gospel: John 14:23-29

SPECIAL COLLECTION	2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK
UKRAINE	MARIST BROTHERS APPEAL

Collections	1st—17/4/16	2nd—Church Maint.
Total	£2,602.56	£395.17
Cash	1,031.80	256.42
S / O	1,256.61	111.00
Gift Aid Tax	314.15	27.75

Thank you for your generous contributions. Your donations make the life and work of the Parish possible.

CONFESSION TIMES

St Edmund's: Saturdays 11:30am
St Joseph's: Thursdays 11:45am
 Saturdays 5:45pm